

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

Applicants : Nicola Zatelli et al.  
Title : STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING AN  
INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC DEVICE  
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**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Nathan Ha  
Art Unit : 2814  
Application No. : 09/209,049

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Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

Commissioner for Patents:

Please consider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are pending.

In the parent case, the Examiner rejected several claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,010,914 to Shishiguchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,121,631 to Gardner et al. ("Gardner").

Enclosed is a Rule 131 Declaration, signed by one of the inventors, stating that the invention was made prior to the filing date of Shishiguchi (October 28, 1997) and diligently